



PETER PARKER, THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN

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CONTINUING A 6-PART SAGA...

PART 3

"DESCENT"

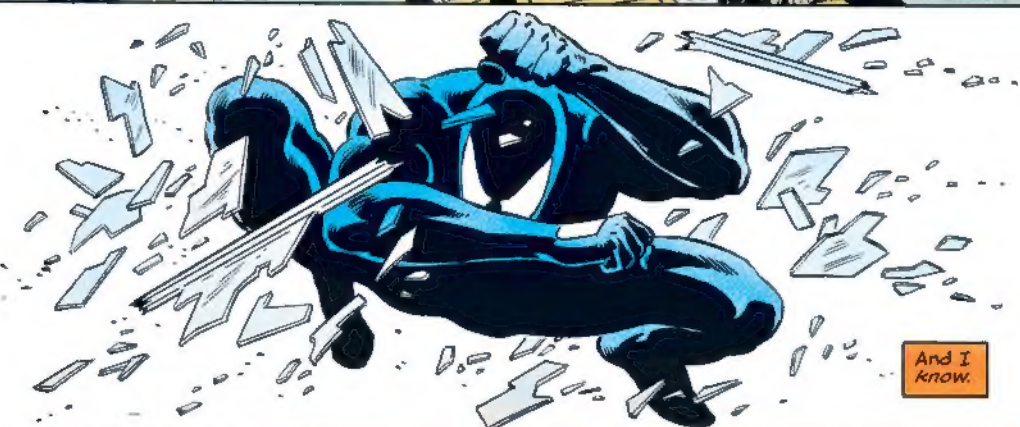




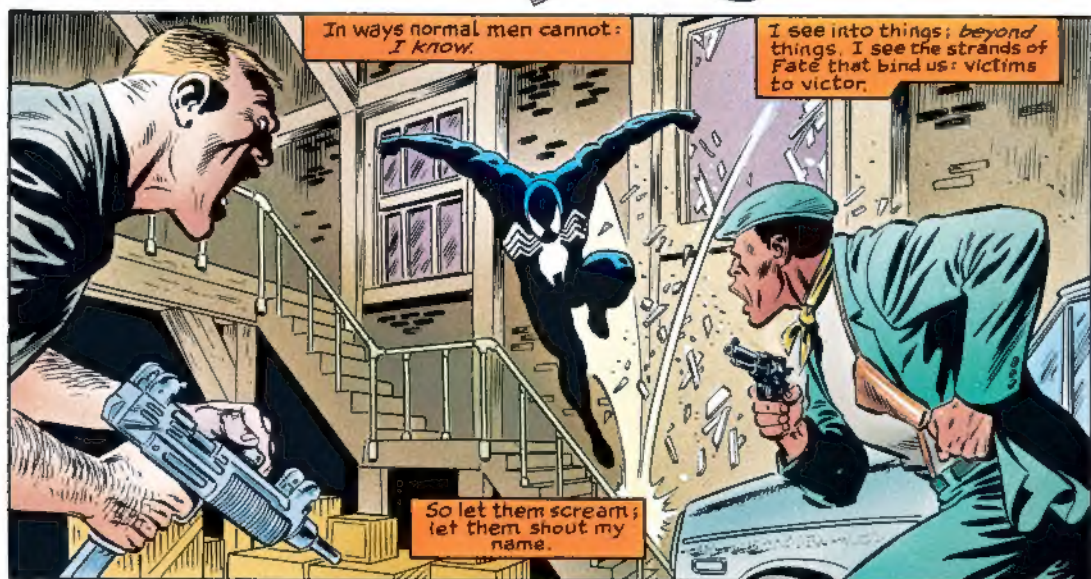


I watch them through the glass: specimens. Flies. Watch them. I.

I am the Spider



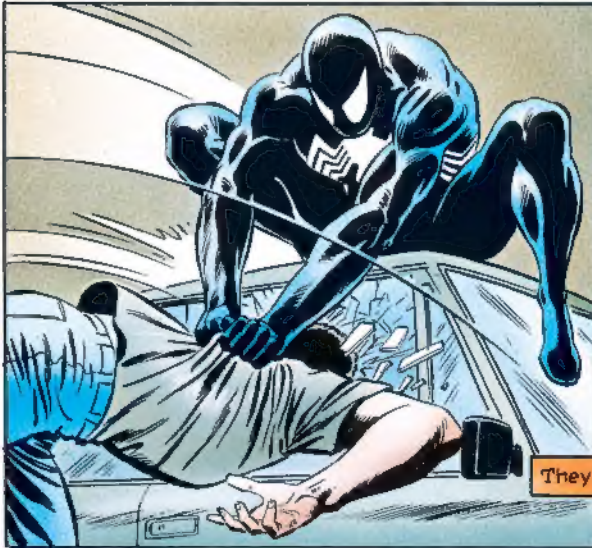
And I know.

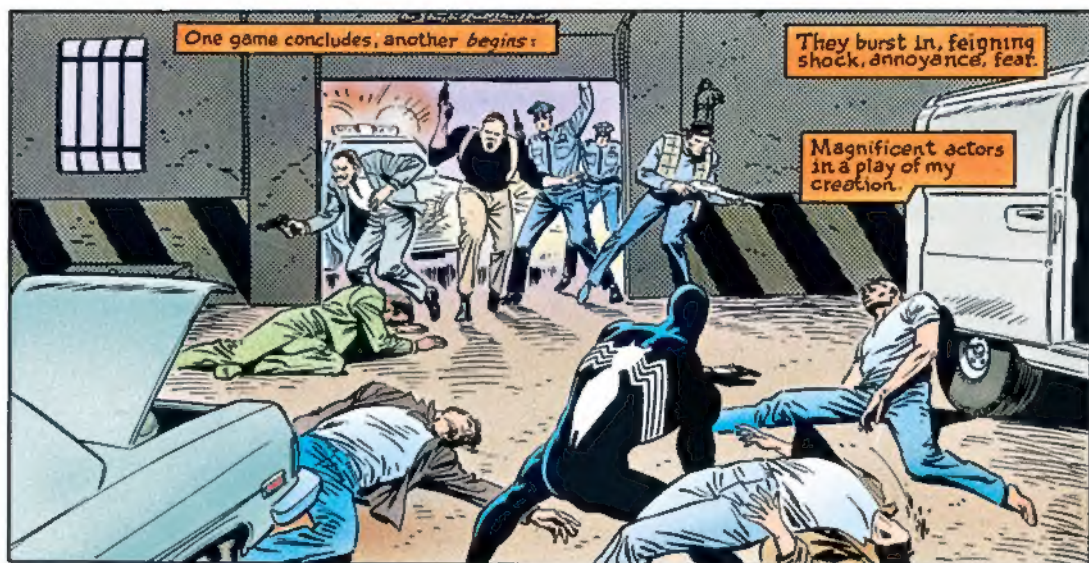


In ways normal men cannot: I know.

I see into things; beyond things. I see the strands of Fate that bind us: victims to victor.

So let them scream; let them shout my name.





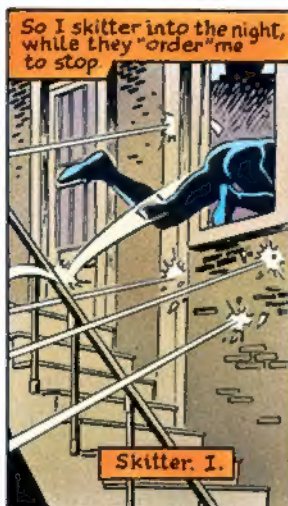
One game concludes, another begins:

They burst in, feigning shock, annoyance, fear.

Magnificent actors in a play of my creation.

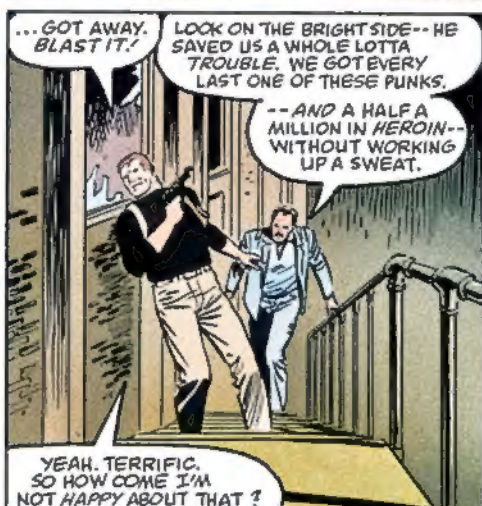


They serve me; worship me. But the world must never know.



So I skitter into the night, while they "order" me to stop.

Skitter. I.



...GOT AWAY. BLAST IT!

LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE-- HE SAVED US A WHOLE LOTTA TROUBLE. WE GOT EVERY LAST ONE OF THESE PUNKS.

-- AND A HALF A MILLION IN HEROIN-- WITHOUT WORKING UP A SWEAT.

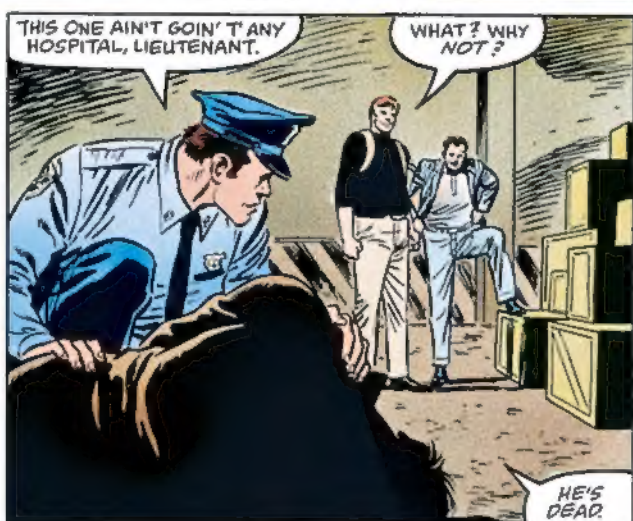
YEAH. TERRIFIC. SO HOW COME I'M NOT HAPPY ABOUT THAT ?



YOU WORRY TOO MUCH, DAVE. YEAH, SURE SPIDER-MAN'S BEEN A LITTLE OUT OF CONTROL THE PAST COUPLE WEEKS--

A LITTLE...? THERE ARE FIFTEEN MEN IN THE HOSPITAL--!

FIFTEEN MAGGOTS OFF THE STREET...



THIS ONE AIN'T GOIN' T ANY HOSPITAL, LIEUTENANT.

WHAT? WHY NOT ?

HE'S DEAD.



I am the Spider.

No-- *not* the Spider.

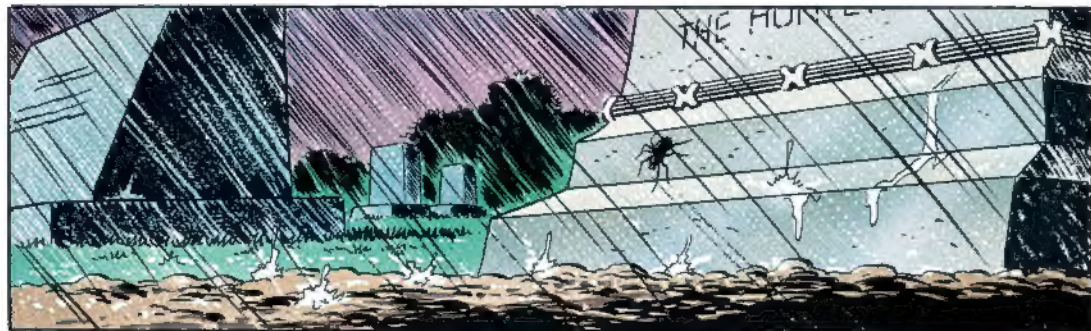


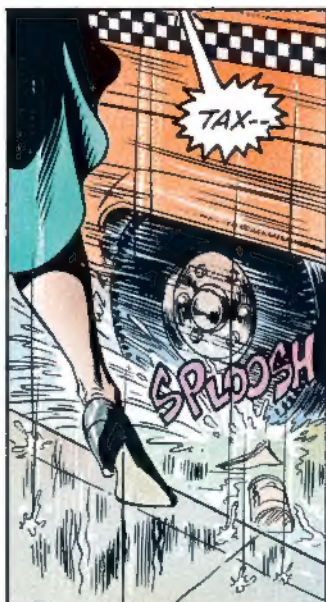
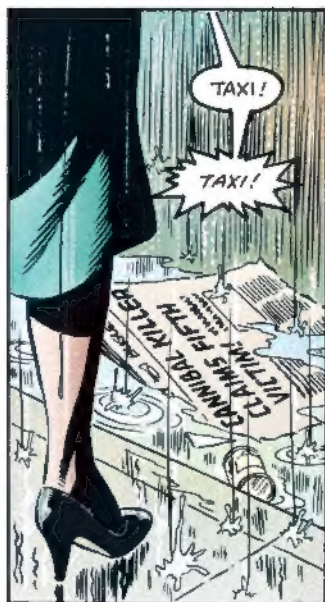
I AM KRAVEN!!

I have slain the Spider. Become him.

I have hunted as the Spider hunts... consumed the Spider's prey.

I have proven myself his superior in every way. No-- almost every way. The final proof comes--





eateateat 'em up. food. no-- not jusst food:

bait.

i'm here
ssspider-man.
i'm here
captain...
flagg? no.
america.

i'm here to show you that
i'm not afraid. i'm here
to show you that...



...MARSHA--
WHAT IS
THAT?

BIGGEST FREAKIN'
DOG I'VE EVER
SEEN.

WAIT A MINUTE--
THAT AIN'T NO
DOG--



THAT'S A
MAN!!

meninblue. copsss. fuzz. pigsss.
big talk. big sssticksss. used to
hitmehurtme.

...before...?

...when? when i
wasss...when i
wasss...?



WHAT WASSS
I BEFORE?!

...OH, MY
GOD...

blue ssuit. pale ssskin. big club.
hithurt hit hurt hithurt hithurt.

NOW I'M
HITTING
BACK!!

WHUD!

beforebeforebefore-
what wasss i before?
i wasss small and dark
and cold. i wasss hit-
and hurt and hurt and hit.

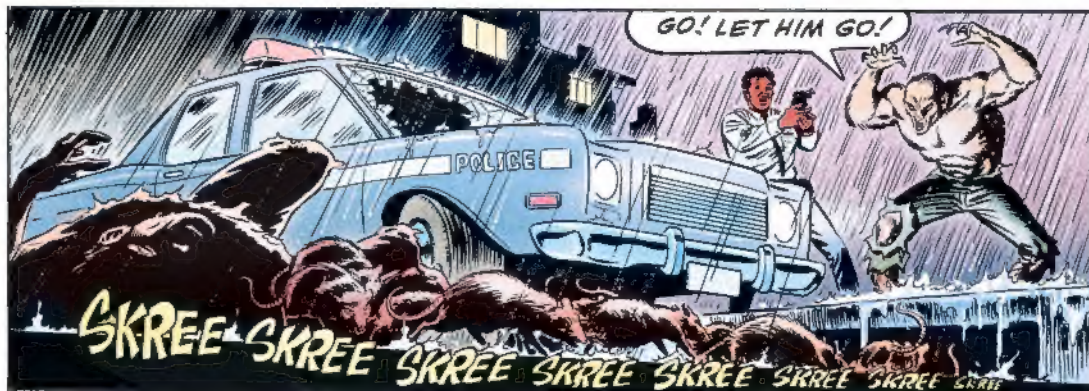
i wasss eaten
alive.

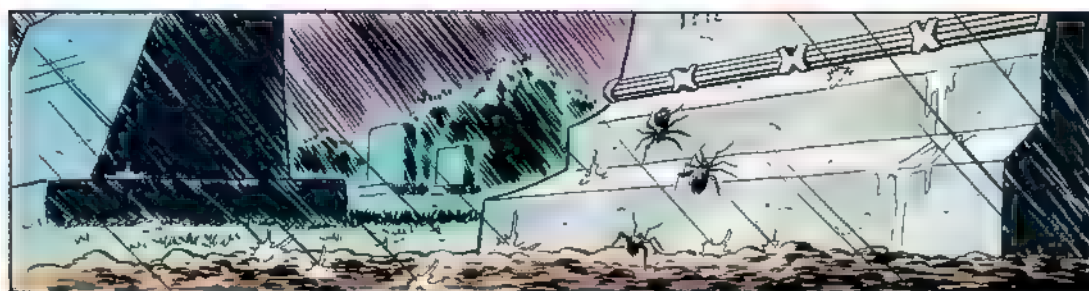
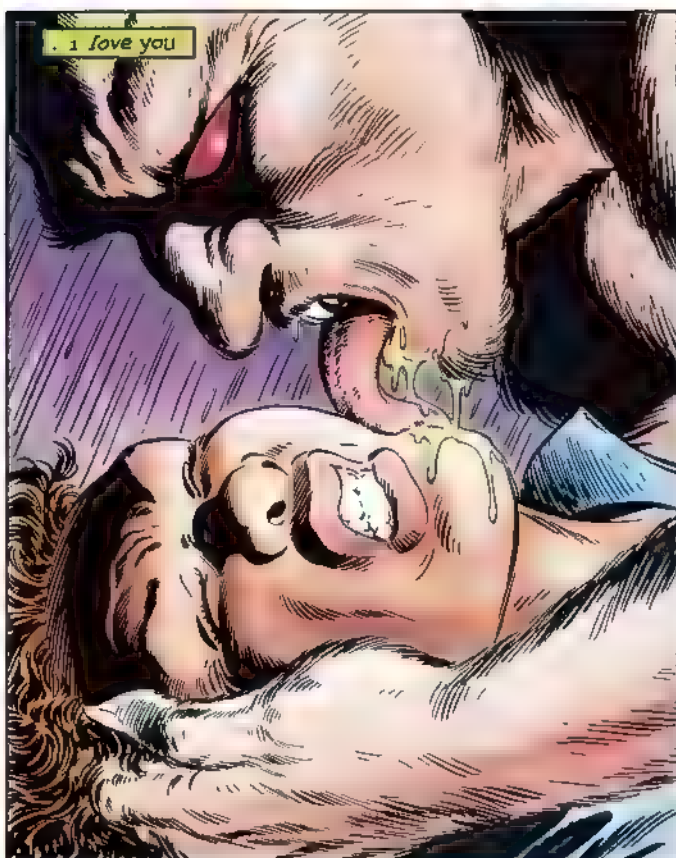
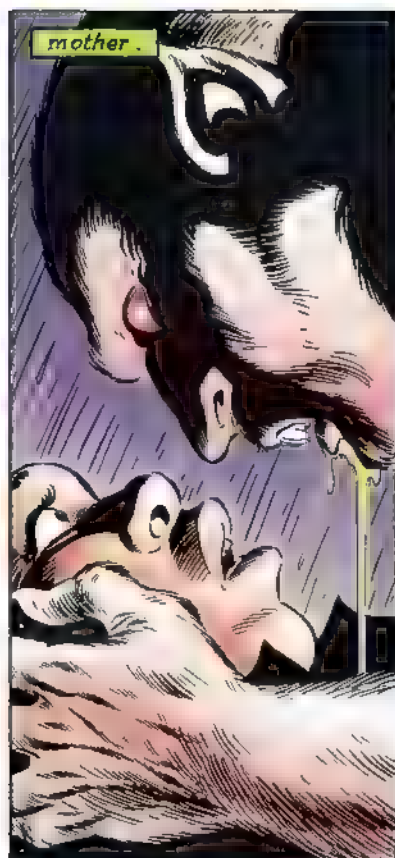
i was a...a...a...

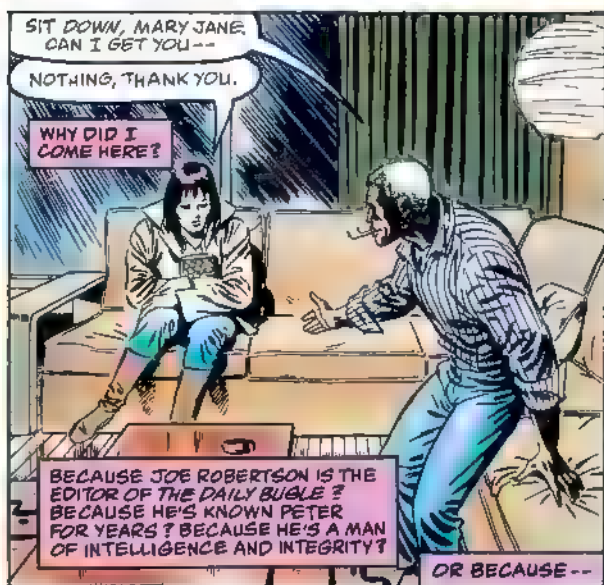
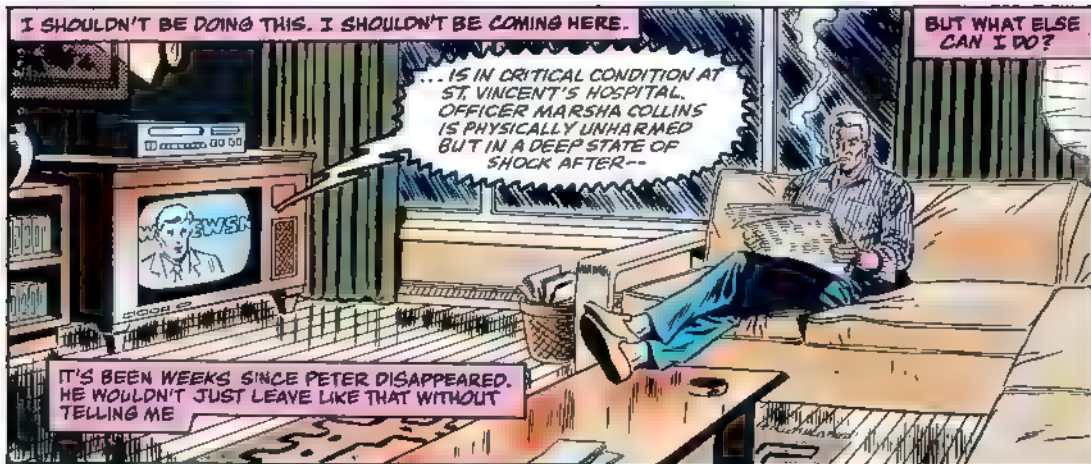
no! it doesssrt
matter what
i was before.
now iss what
matterssss.
i'm vermin ver-
min **VERMIN!**

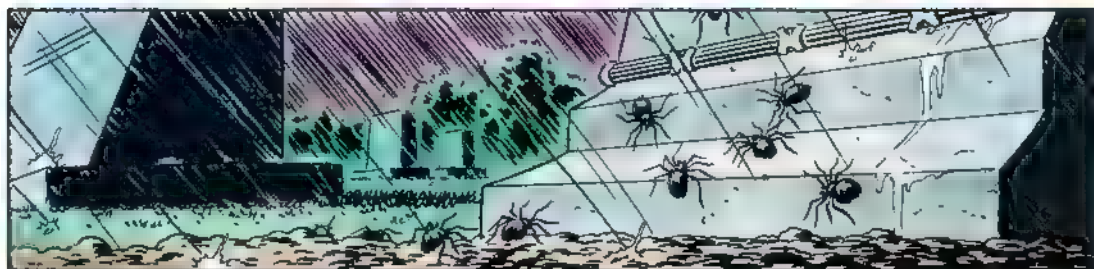
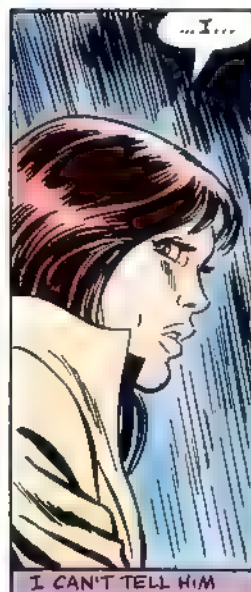
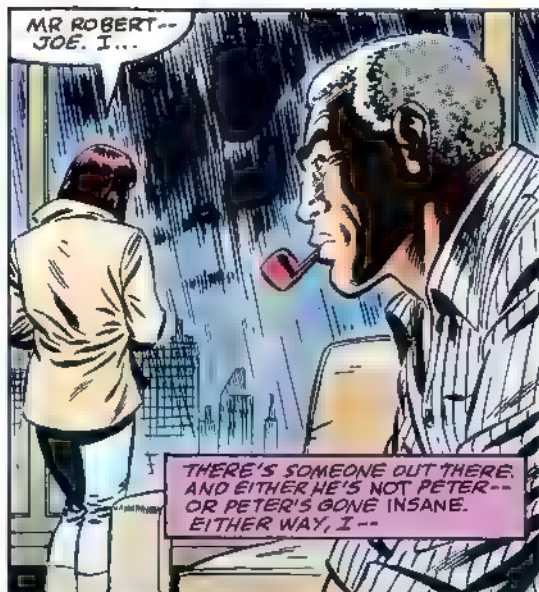
i'm--

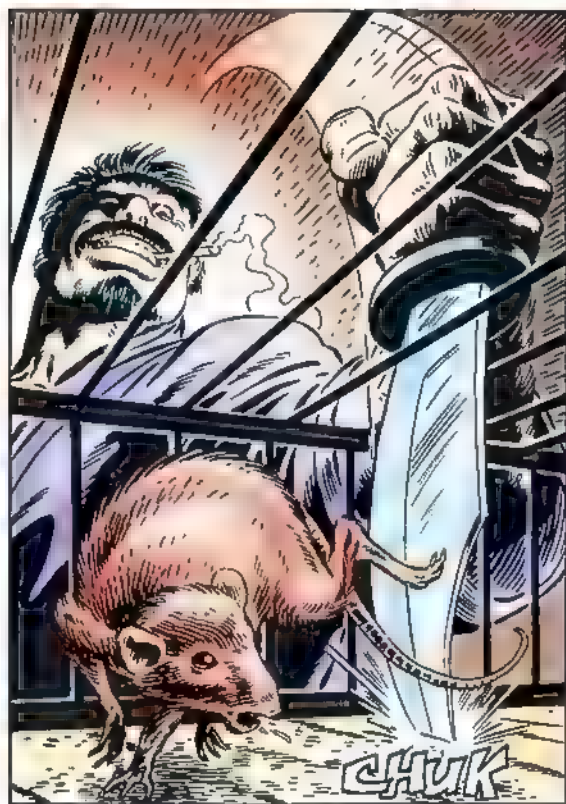
BLAM!



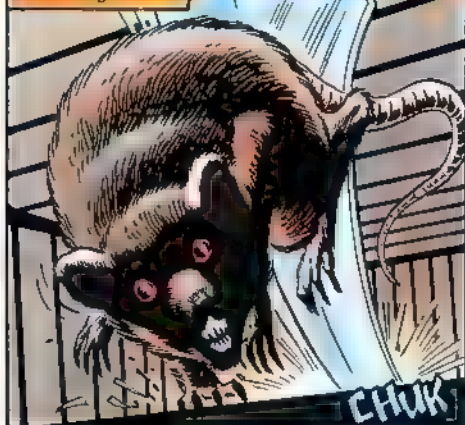








I feel the herbs, the roots, the potions spreading wide my mind



Feel them reaching out to touch--

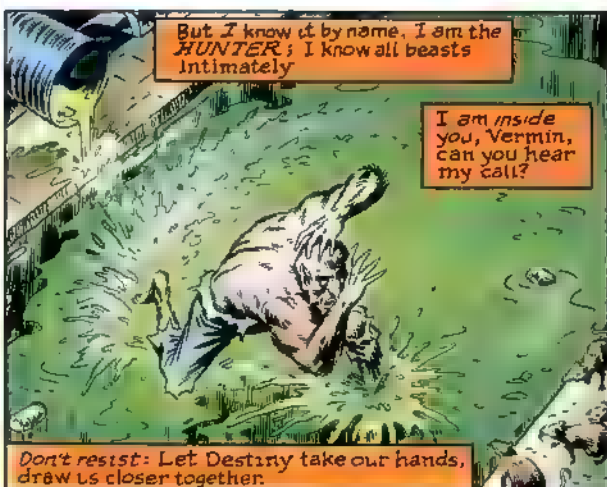
--Destiny.



The newspapers call him...it... the "Cannibal Killer"

But I know it by name. I am the **HUNTER**; I know all beasts intimately

I am inside you, Vermin, can you hear my call?



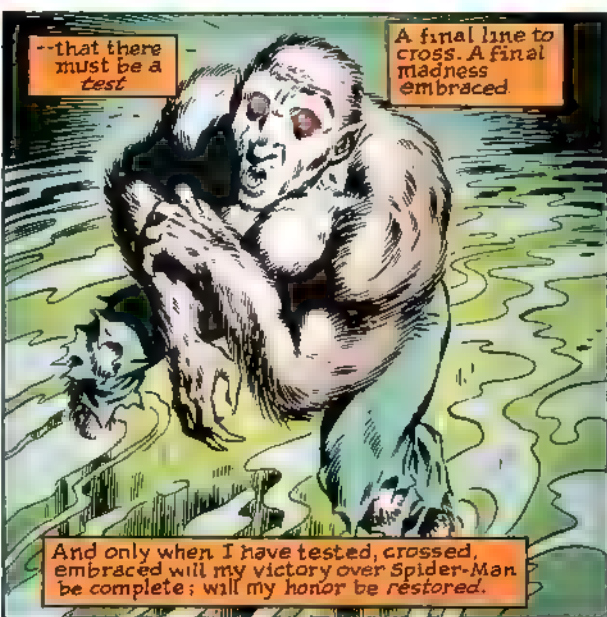
Don't resist: Let Destiny take our hands, draw us closer together.

I understand now--

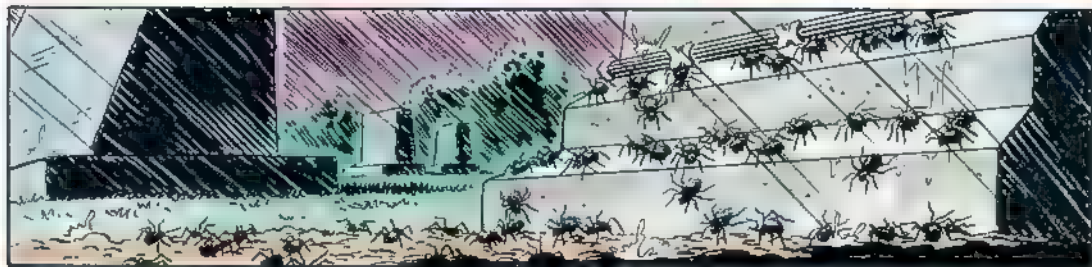
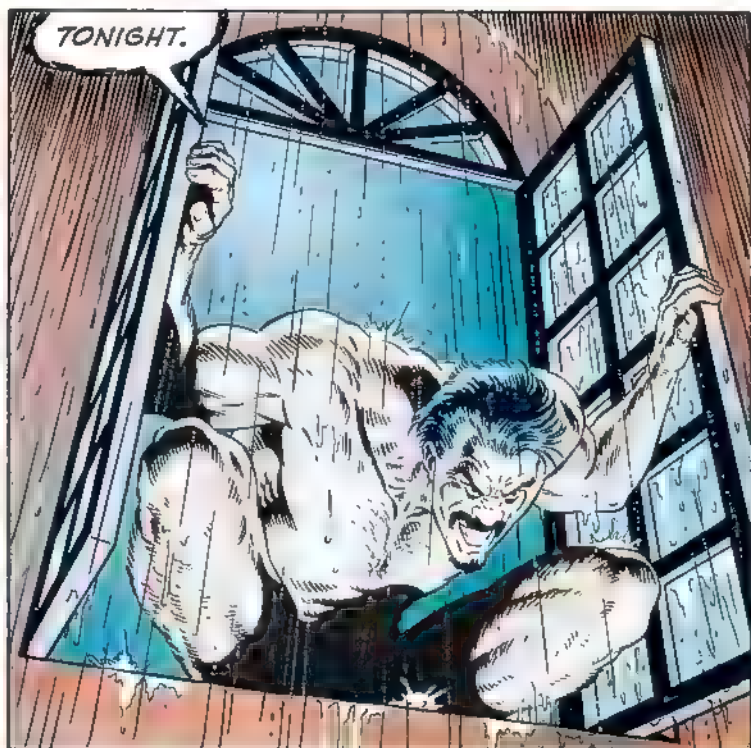
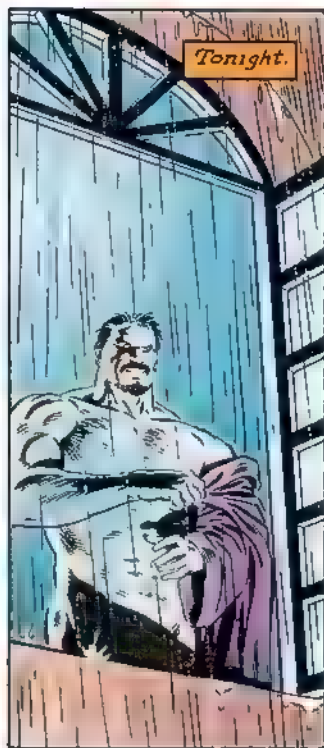
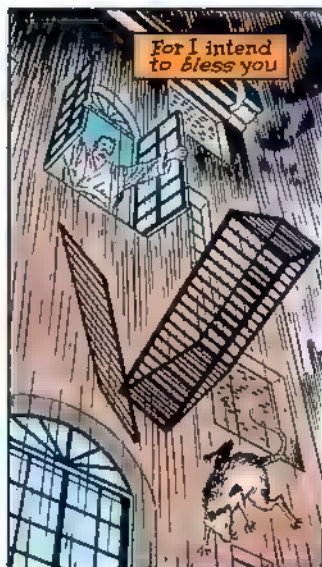
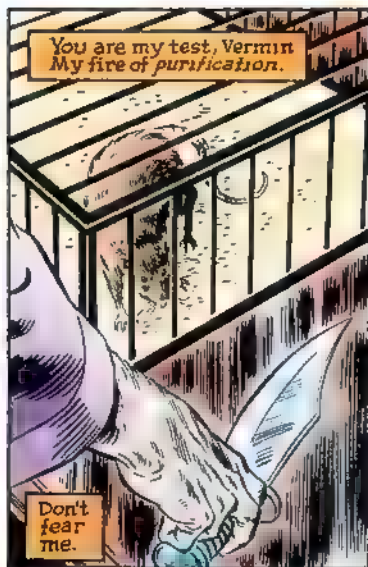


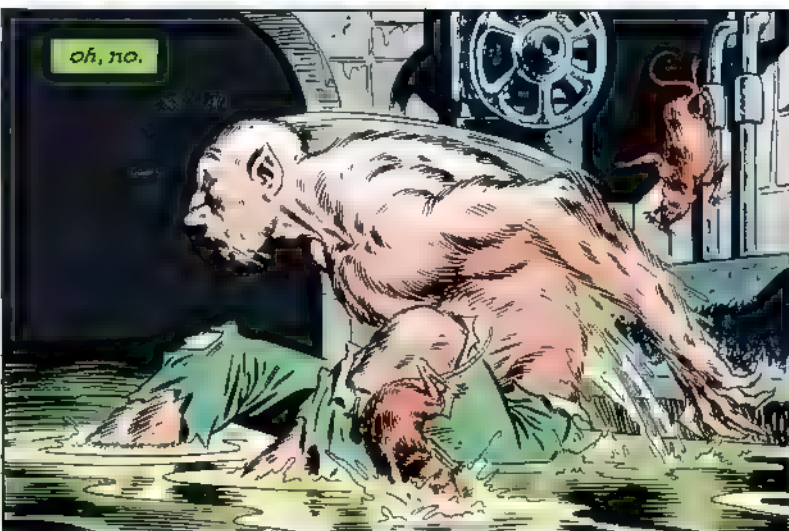
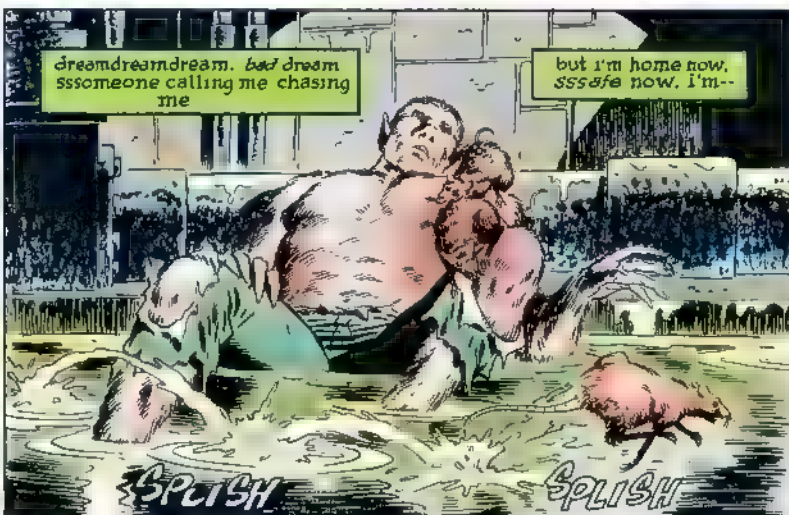
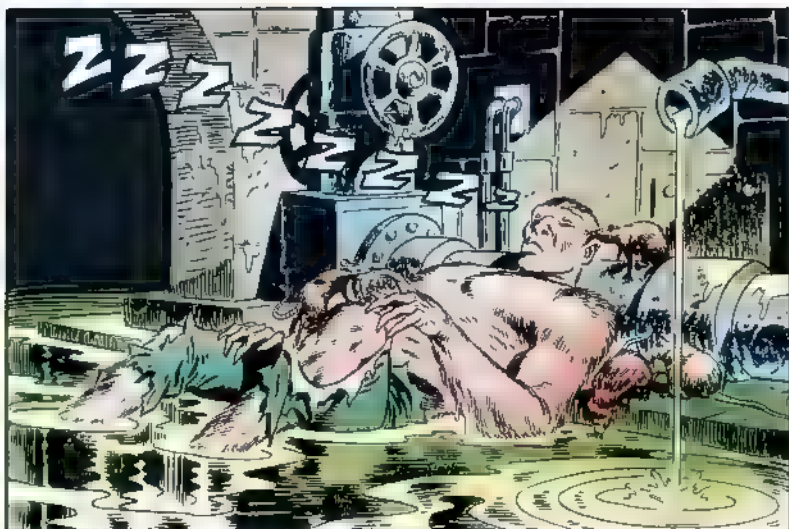
--that there must be a test

A final line to cross. A final madness embraced

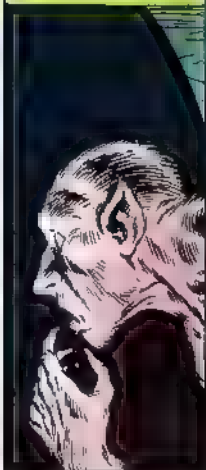


And only when I have tested, crossed, embraced will my victory over Spider-Man be complete; will my honor be restored.

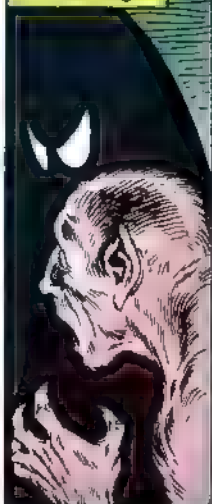




it wassn't a
dream! it wasss
real! he wasss
real!



and he'sss
coming--

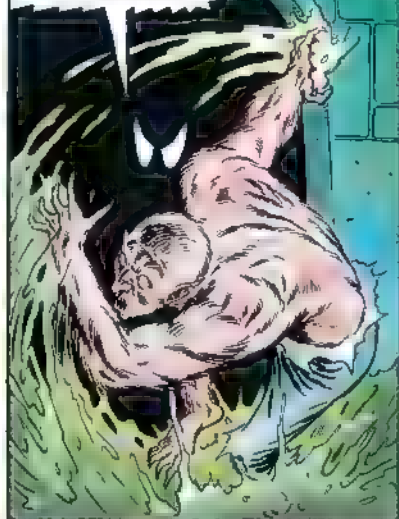


--to--



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SKREEEE!!



HELLO, VERMIN.
REMEMBER ME?

SSSPIDER-MAN.



YESSS.

BUT I DEFEATED
YOU, DIDN'T I?

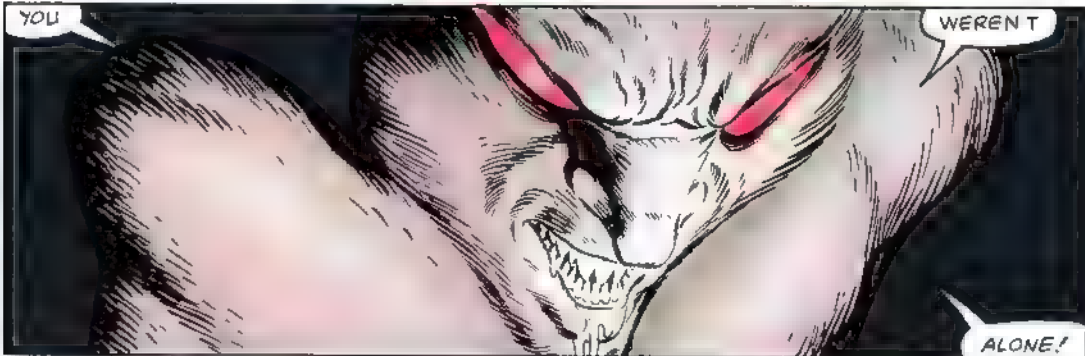
REMEMBER THE LAST
TIME WE MET--HOW YOU
ALMOST DEFEATED ME?

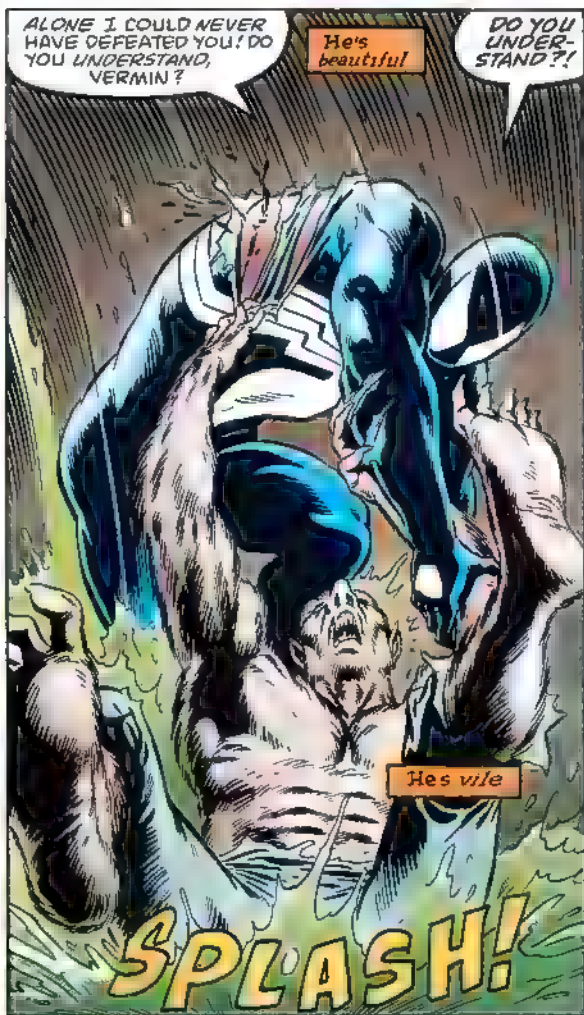
NO!
NOT FAIR!
YOU WEREN'T
ALONE! YOU
HAD CAPTAIN
FLAG WITH
YOU! YOU--

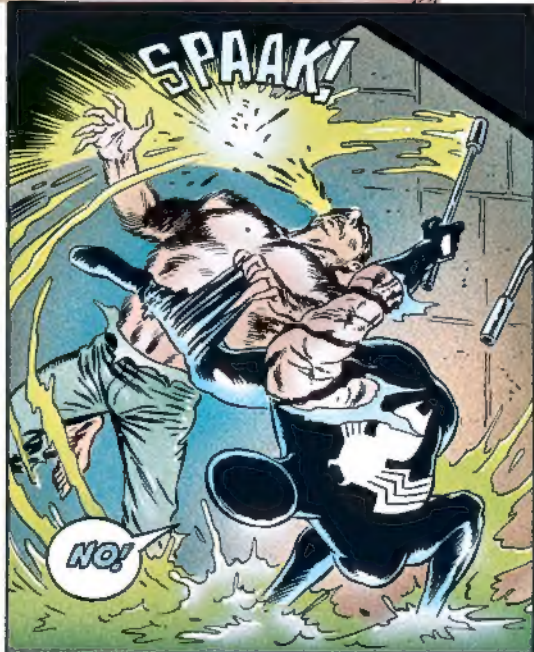
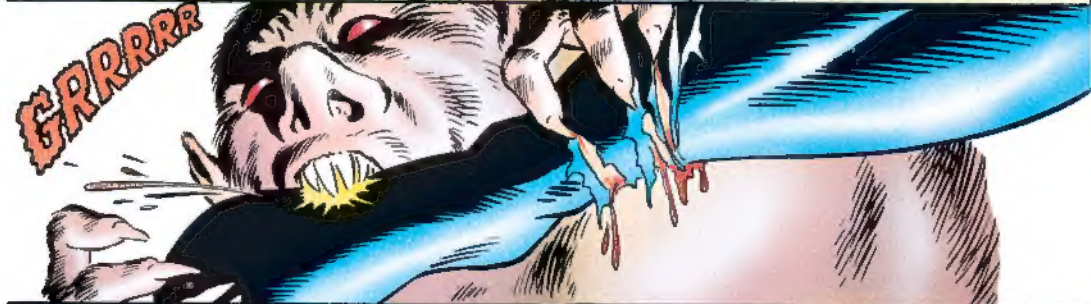
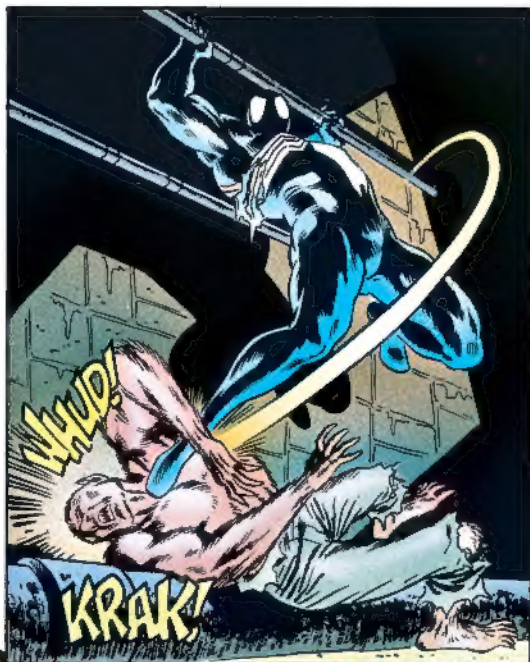
YOU

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ALONE!

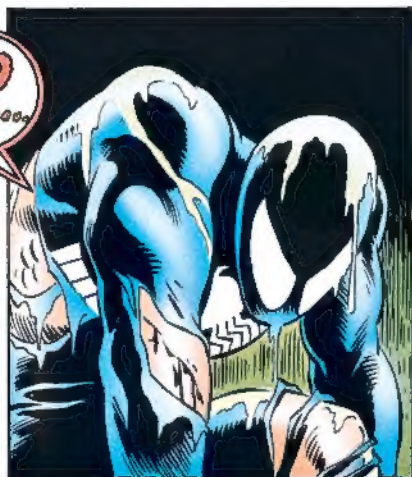




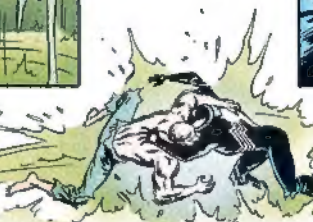




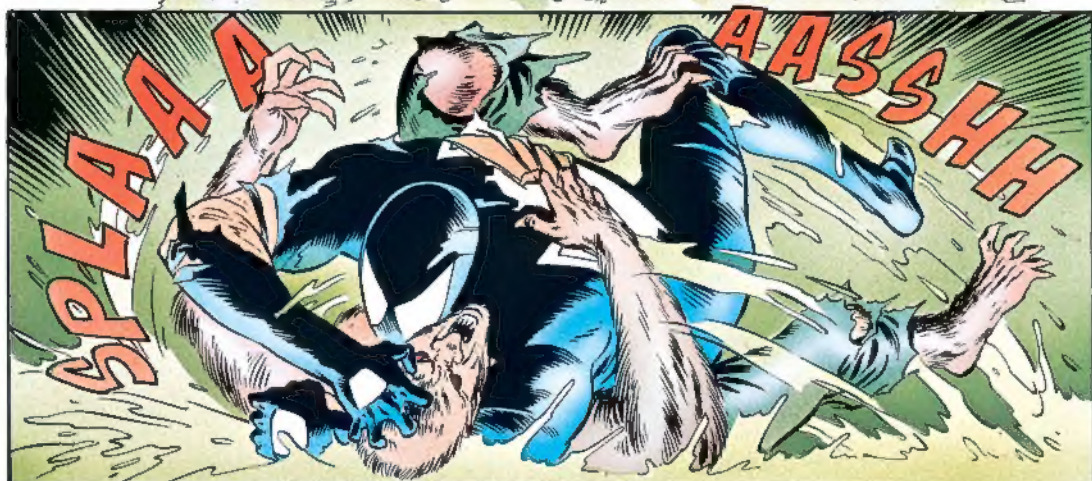
GRRR...



GRRRRRRRRRRRR



RRROWWWRRR



Alone, he
could never
have defeated
you.



Never!!!

